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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Geologists

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard

Cannon Building, Second Floor

Conference Room B Dover, Delaware

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: February 10, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

William "Sandy" Schenck, President, Professional Member Steven Smailer, Vice-President, Professional Member Douglas Rambo, Secretary, Professional Member Judith Nicholas, Public Member David Reinhold, Professional Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kenneth Dryden, Public Member Maureene LaFate, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist III

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to approve the December 9, 2016 meeting minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Legislative Updates

The Board determined that legislative changes are not required at this time.

Stamp & Seal Requirements for State Employees

Mr. Smailer and Mr. Rambo informed the Board that there is some confusion amongst DNREC employees regarding the requirements for when and what documents are to be stamped and sealed. It is the Board's position that Geologists who work for the State should be held to the same standard for sealing as

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Geologists in the private sector. Thus, Geologists who review sampling plans and make recommendations should sign and seal the document with the recommended changes.

Ms. Kelly advised the Board that they should not get involved in disputes between two parties. She suggested that the Board consider drafting a letter of concern to DNREC to be forwarded to the Director's Office for review prior to mailing.

Mr. Schenck requested that Ms. Kelly research the current statute to determine when the exemption for engineers was inserted, and for the Division to attempt to locate the MOU between engineers and Geologists that was drafted in the 1970s or 1980s.

The Board will continue their discussion regarding the stamp and seal requirements for State employees during their next regularly scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications by Examinations

Mr. Smailer moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve Eric Tutterow to sit for the FG Exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For Discussion Only)

Sherman Award

The Board congratulated Mr. Schenck for receiving the Sherman Award. Mr. Schenck thanked the Board.

The board discussed the current Board member composition, and Ms. Williams advised the Board that she would request that the Director's Office send correspondence to members who have been unable to attend numerous regularly scheduled meetings. The Governor's Office is aware of the expiration dates of Board members current composition. They are working diligently on finding replacements for members whose terms have expired.

Mr. Schenck advised the Board that he will be unable to attend the February 10, 2017 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Smailer moved, seconded by Ms. Nicholas, to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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